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Welcome to the first issue of "The Self-Advocacy Times" produced by the South Dakota Advocates for Change. I hope you enjoy reading the fun filled articles as much as we have enjoyed bringing it them to you. We hope you will share the newsletter with your friends and family too.

The Self-Advocacy Times is a newsletter written and distributed by self-advocates for self-advocates. To start, we will publish two issues every year. The topics in each issue will be different. We will include articles that are educational and some fun articles too. Try out the puzzles we have on our fun page!

We welcome articles from self-advocates all over the state. If you have something to say write an article and send it to us. We can't publish them all but if they fit our theme for the issue will include it in the newsletter. Please include your contact information when you send us your article so we can get in touch with you to let you know if we will publish it. We may also have to get in touch with you if we have to make any changes. We might sometimes have to shorten or ask you to write more to fit in the given space. We might also have to change some words. We would like to make sure you have a chance to review the changes before we publish it.

You can email your article to www.selfadvocacytimes@gmail.com or mail it to:

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